Demographics of Police Interactions Data Details

Introduction

One of the questions raised in earlier Task Force conversations was about the demographics of those the police are interacting with and who is calling the police. It is virtually impossible to provide the exact and complete data across all calls for service, but we were able to pull demographic data associated with three types of calls for service – Larcenies from Walmart, Domestic Violence, and Aggravated Assaults.

These three violations were selected due to the limited influence law enforcement has over them. They are all typically initiated by external calls, so they are things officers react to rather than being officer initiated or proactive activities. Discretion in responding to these is also very limited. Larcenies at Walmart were specifically chosen due to our generally having complete demographic data even if an offender is not identified. We do acknowledge that in the case of the larcenies, since the calls are typically generated by loss prevention, we cannot rule out the influence of bias, but it is outside of law enforcement control.

These metrics may provide a view of the population that officers are most interacting with. While larcenies may still show a significant non-resident population, domestic violence and aggravated assault represent a majority of residents being involved.

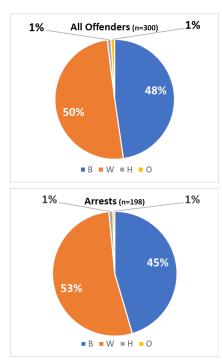
Larceny - Walmart

There were a total of 251 larcenies reported at Walmart during 2019 -2020. 300 offenders were listed in those reports. 233 offenders were identified and 67 were described but not identified.

2019-2020 Larcenies	В	W	Н	O		
Identified Offenders (233)	101	127	2	3		
Described offenders (67)	42	24	1	0		
Total (300)	143	151	3	3		
Arrests (198)	90	105	2	1		

170 of the 251 incidents (67%) resulted in the arrest of at least one person, and in several cases multiple persons were arrested. A total of 198 persons were arrested.

NOTE: These numbers include 16 individuals who were involved in multiple incidents and/or arrests.

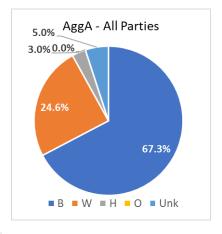


Aggravated Assault

Aggravated assaults are generally more serious assaults that either involve a weapon or have the potential to result in more serious injury. From 2017-2020 a total of 72 aggravated assaults were reported. These reports listed 94 offenders and 105 victims (multiple offenders and victims can

be listed on a single report.)

2017-2020 AggAslt	В	W	Н	О	Unk
Victims (105)	68	33	4	0	0
Offenders (94)	66	16	2	0	10
Total Involved (199)	134	49	6	0	10





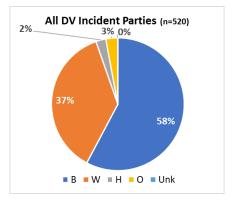
This map shows the distribution of aggravated assault calls that officers responded to.

Concentrations can be seen around the Gateway and Fairview communities.

Domestic Violence

There were 266 incidents reported as involving some kind of domestic violence in 2019-2020. These reports included a total of 520 involved parties - 206 listed victims, 205 listed offenders, and 109 people listed as "other involved" when victim/offenders status could not be determined.

2019-2020 DV	В	W	Н	O	Unk
Victims (206)	119	76	5	6	0
Offenders (205)	124	70	5	4	2
Other Involved (109)	56	44	7	2	0
Total Involved (520)	299	190	17	12	2



The 266 Incidents were reported at 181 locations. 136 locations had a single call, while 45 (25%) had more than one call. Nine locations had 4 or more calls, including one with 12 calls.

Summary

The demographics of larceny offenders shows African Americans being represented at a disproportionately higher rate than their population share (by about 27 percentage points)

In the case of domestic violence and aggravated assaults, as total involved (offenders and victims) African Americans are overrepresented by 37 percentage points in Domestic Violence and 46 points in aggravated assault incidents.

